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2 10:57 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, the  
4 next case on our calendar is case number 21-CMP-  
5 00058, Apero DC, license number 116925.

6 Ms. Fashbuagh, can you please elevate  
7 the rights of the Licensee in this case, please.

8 MS. FASHBAUGH: Please stand by.

9 Matt Minora, your rights have been  
10 elevated.

11 Elli Benchimol, your rights have been  
12 elevated.

13 That's all, Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

15 All right, Mr. Williams, can you  
16 please identify yourself for the record, please?

17 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairperson, my  
18 name is Antoine Williams on behalf of the  
19 District of Columbia this morning.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning  
21 again, Mr. Williams.

22 Mr. Minora, can you please spell and  
23 state your name for the record, please, and your  
24 relationship?

25 MR. MINORA: Sure. Matthew Minora

1 from the law firm of Mallios O'Brien and  
2 Sandground, we're ABC license counsel for the  
3 Licensee, and my name is spelled, Matthew, M-A-T-  
4 T-H-E-W, Minora, M-I-N-O-R-A.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And your client  
6 is Ms. Benchi, is that the name -- is that your  
7 client?

8 MR. MINORA: Benchimol, correct, yes,  
9 she's the owner of the establishment.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ma'am, can you  
11 please spell and state your name for the record,  
12 please, and your relationship?

13 MS. BENCHIMOL: Yes, please, my name  
14 is Elizabeth, short is Elli, E-L-L-I, Benchimol,  
15 B-E-N-C-H-I-M-O-L, and I am the owner of Goth  
16 Wine, LLC, doing business as Aperol.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, good  
18 morning.

19 Mr. Williams, are there any  
20 preliminary matters in this case, please?

21 MR. WILLIAMS: Not in this case.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, this  
23 matter then is scheduled for a Show Cause Hearing  
24 on March 9, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

25 I will alert all parties at seven days

1 before the hearing that they are supposed to  
2 exchange documents and witnesses.

3 So therefore -- well, since -- both  
4 attorneys, they are aware of the procedure that  
5 they need to disclose their documents and  
6 witnesses they are relying upon, send it to both  
7 sides and also provide a copy of those documents  
8 to ABRA legal.

9 Everyone's clear?

10 MR. MINORA: Yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, then  
12 we'll see you then, on March 9, 2022, for a Show  
13 Cause Hearing on this case.

14 All right. Thank you very much, have  
15 a great day.

16 MR. MINORA: Thank you.

17 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
18 went off the record at 11:00 a.m.)

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